Second Steel Plant in Orissa

397. SHRI BAIKUNTHNATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to set up the second steel plant at Daitari in Orissa.

(b) whether the cost has been revised;

(c) if so, the revised estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the progress made in the establishment of the steel plant there?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Government have not taken any investment decision for setting up a steel plant at Daitari in Orissa;

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Only some preliminary works have been undertaken so far.

Strengthening of Public Distribution System in tribal areas

398. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to strengthen the Public Distribution System in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of fair price shops opened in the tribal areas in different States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The States and UTs have been advised from time to time on the need to strengthen the P.D.S. in general and particularly in tribal areas. They have been advised that in areas which cannot be covered by static fair price shops, mobile vans may be introduced to cover the consumers residing in tribal areas etc. It was also suggested that sales centres could be opened to provide essential commodities at fixed prices at the weekly haats in such areas.

The Central Government is also operating a plan scheme to provide financial assistance to States/UTs for purchase of mobile vans for supply of essential commodities in tribal areas, remote, far-flung desert and inaccessible areas.

The Government has also launched a scheme for supply of concessional food-grains to the people in the ITDP areas at specially subsidised rates (lower than the general PDS rates) in November 1985. The total population, including non-tribals living in all 181 ITDP areas and the entire population of six tribal majority States/UTs, viz., Arunachal Pradesh Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshdweep: are covered under the scheme.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Integrated Cattle Development Projects with Swis Assistance

399. SHRI JAGADISH JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing some Integrated Cattle Development Projects with Swiss asistance;

(b) if so the number of such projects under implementation in different areas in Orissa; and

(c) the details of the Swiss aid made available for those projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The projects with Swiss assistance are under implementation in Northern Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) There are no such projects under implementation in Orisa, at present.

Setting up of Building Centres in each District

400. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to set up in each of the 437 districts of the country a building Centre to oversee the production of building components in specialised industrial estates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) For ensuring easy access to standardised building materials and components and establishment of supply centres on a decentralised basis, Centrally sponsored scheme for setting up of Building Centres at district level throughout the country has been launched. It is proposed to set up 100 centres in the first phase. These Centres will act as conduits for transmission of low cost technology on housing to the grassroots and will impart training to the youth and artisans for upgradation of their skills. The Centres will also manufacture low cost building materials and compents from local resources. At present, there is no proposal to link these Centres with specialised industrial estates.

(b) The scheme will be implemented and operated through the Housing and Urban Development Corporation The Centres will be managed by setting up of an organisation in the form of a registered trust/society. The Ministry of Urban Development will sanction a grant of Rs. 2 lakh to each Centre through HUDCO. In addition to this, loan assistance will be made available by the HUDCO to the extent of Rs. 4 lakhs at 10 per cent interest rate per annum repayable in 12 years with moratorium of 2 years. These Centres will be deemed to be small scale industrial units.

(c) So far, 35 Building Centres have been set up in 11 States as given below:—

(i) West Bengal	—1
(ii) Assam	—1
(iii) U.P.	—4
(iv) Rajasthan	—1
(v) Delhi	—1
(vi) Andhra Pradesh	—7
(vii) Kerala	—13
(viii) Karnataka	—4
(ix) Tamil Nadu	—1
(x) Pondicherry	—1
(xi) Andaman & Nicobar.	—1

Of the 35 Centres, five have become functional.

Agitation by the Students of FTII, Pune

401. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune have been agitating over the last two years, if so what are their major demands and what is the reaction of Government thereon;